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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
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SERIAL NO: 10/092,560 :
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FOR: SAFETY TROCAR WITH :
PROGRESSIVE CUTTING TIP GUARDS :
AND GAS JET TISSUE DEFLECTOR :

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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application,
without prejudice as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 47 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 48 of this paper.

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Transmitted herewith is a supplemental preliminary amendment in the above-identified application.

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- ☐ No additional fee is required
- ☒ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- ☒ Additional documents filed herewith: Letter Submitting Replacement Drawings Sheet(s); Replacement Sheets (2); Information Disclosure Statement; PTO Form 1449; Reference (1)

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS	CLAIMS REMAINING		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID	NO. EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	CALCULATIONS
TOTAL	185	MINUS	183	2	x \$18 =	\$36.00
INDEPENDENT	52	MINUS	50	2	x \$86 =	\$172.00
		<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			+ \$290 =	\$0.00
		TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS				\$208.00
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		TOTAL				\$104.00

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- ☒ If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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